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1. In preparation for a visit by an Inter-Allied inspection team, Colonel Malikov of the Ministerium für Schiffbauindustrie (MSP) in Berlin-Köpenick recently ordered his sectional directors to eliminate evidence of military production. It was then decided not only to give vacations to technicians engaged in such work, but to create some new peacetime projects for individual constructors and engineers. Technicians on leave presumably will not return to the plant until the inspecting team has completed its visit.

2. According to an MSP engineer at the Gema installation, 930 persons were employed at the beginning of May 1947 and replacements were being sought to fill jobs soon to be vacated by Germans who have contracted for work in the USSR.

3. Contrary to former procedures, the Russians are making every effort to induce the workers to sign contracts calling for three to five years' service in Russia. Engineers are being offered monthly salaries of 7,000 to 12,000 rubles. German couriers travelling between Berlin and Moscow are being used to describe the benefits of life in Russia, and the Russians have promised that all volunteers will have notification of removal two or three weeks in advance, that detailed plans have been made for the transportation of personnel, household effects, and equipment, and that adequate living space has been earmarked for them in the USSR.

A large number of engineers, skilled workers, and foremen have declared themselves ready to sign such contracts, source reports, and he believes that several hundred such workers will be sent to Russia during the next six to eight months. They will not be sent to the Gema-Parallel-Werk in one of Moscow's suburbs, but to a large factory now being established at Chelyabinsk, where electro-acoustical naval equipment is to be produced.

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